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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited in the specification of the present invention. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, are provided herewith.

1. German Patent Application No. 100 22 052 A1
2. European Patent Application No. 0 671 551 A1

The relevancy of the documents is discussed below.

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Document 1

In the International Search Report Document 1 was cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1-10. Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to or in the Patent Family of Document 1, other than an English language abstract which is attached below.

The document discloses the inlet funnel (10), rotor casing (20) and exhaust pipe (50) consist of embossed or deep-drawn sheet metal. The rotor casing consists of two half shells (22, 23), and the inlet funnel and exhaust pipe are welded to the rotor casing. A sealing edge is part of the inlet funnel or part of the rotor casing. The inlet funnel consists of two half shells or is in one piece, and may be formed by an internal high pressure molding technique, and may be sized over an internal mandrel.

Document 2

In the International Search Report figure 3 was cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background, to claims 4-7 & 9. Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to or in the Patent Family of Document 2, other than an English language abstract which is attached below.

The document discloses the manifold comprises a bedplate (10), which is fixed to the cylinder head (50), and a tube (20) formed by the external wall (21) and an internal wall (22). The tube edges (211, 221) are assembled on the base plate. A fibre ceramic material (30) forms a thermal radiation shield between the external and internal walls. The edges (211) of the

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external wall are assembled on the base plate by a weld (40) without metal. The edges of the external wall are placed against an internal chamber in the base plate. The edges of the internal wall are pressed against the edges of the external wall and separated by an insulating material. The internal and external walls are conformed to form a thermal shield for the weld.

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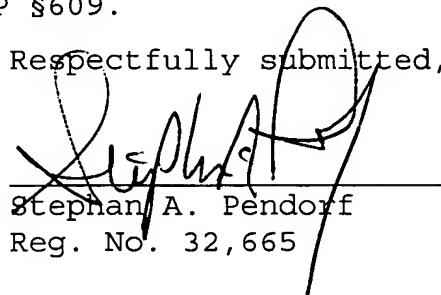
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,



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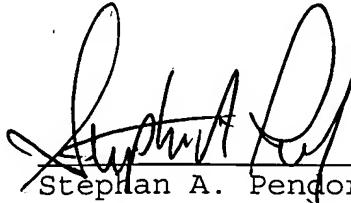
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I hereby certify that the foregoing INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Form PTO-1449, including two (2) documents, for U.S. Application No. 10/726,760 filed June 26, 2003, were deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, Mail Stop Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 27, 2004**.

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